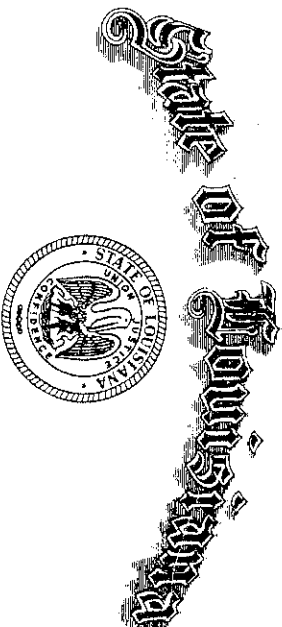


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January 8, 1992

Verdiacee Goston
Empress of the Washitaw
P.O. Box 1051
Columbia, La. 71418

Re: Maison Rouge Grant
1848 Tax Adjudications
Ouachita Parish, La.

Dear Ms. Goston:

On January 8, 1992, You requested that cancellations be issued relative to adjudications for unpaid property taxes for the year 1848 in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in the names of:

Daniel W. Cox	10,000 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Wycoff & Harrison	16,000 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
G. W. Turner	10,000 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
C. G. Fershey	2,800 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Suc. Henry Turner	1,928 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Henry Turner	5,519 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Sarah Tyler	5,600 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Coff & Harrison	16,000 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant
Eliza Quitman	1,036 Acres	Maison Rouge Grant

Total 68,883 Acres

Article X, Section 20 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 states:

Whenever any immovable property shall have been forfeited or adjudicated to the State for the nonpayment of taxes due prior to January 1st, 1880, and the State shall not have sold or disposed of same, nor disposed of the tax debtor, or his heirs, successors or assigns, prior to the adoption of this Constitution, it shall be conclusively presumed that such forfeiture or adjudication was irregular and null, or that the property has been redeemed;



and the state, and its assigns subsequent hereto, shall forever be estopped from setting up any title to such property by virtue of such forfeiture or adjudication; provided, that for a period of three years from the adoption of this Constitution the state shall have the right to enforce the payment of any unpaid taxes for the non-payment of which the property was forfeited to the state.

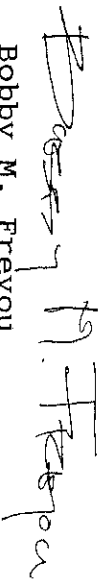
Article XIV, Section 12 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 states:

Whenever any immovable property has been forfeited or adjudicated to the state for nonpayment of taxes due prior to January 1, 1880, and the state did not sell or dispose of it or dispossess the tax debtor or his heirs, successors, or assigns prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1921, it shall be presumed conclusively that the forfeiture or adjudication was irregular and null or that the property has been redeemed. The state and its assigns shall be estopped forever from claiming any title to the property because of such forfeiture or adjudication.

These constitutional articles negate the need for any further action that this office should take relative to your request. May we suggest that you seek private legal consul relative to any questions of title or ownership of the affected property.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

B. Frey

Bobby M. Frey
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